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Keep busy if you want to be happy.

The chronic grumbler is a nuisance.

The number of "has beens" in West Virginia politics runs into the big figures.

Wisconsin, which was considered very doubtful by the Democrats, gave Roosevelt a plurality of 156,057.

Some say that very few people vote as they pray. The fact is a great many people vote who never pray.

The West Virginian is laughing now to see the Grafton Sentinel take on so. Don't be so "techy," Brother Bolden.

If Uncle Henry G. Davis had the chance would he again spend his money?—Parkersburg State Journal.  
Don't you know that the burnt child dreads the fire?

Connecticut, which was not regarded as at all doubtful before the election, was sure to go for Parker because one of the Sheehans was looking after it—gave Roosevelt a majority of 38,180.

Since Col. J. M. Guffey made such a poor showing toward carrying West Virginia and Pennsylvania for Parker, it is to be hoped he may be continued as one of the Democratic National managers. Col. Guffey is certainly the right man in the right place for the Republicans, as their majority in his State has been trebled since he became a Democratic leader.

Richard C. Kerens has for several years been the Republican National Committeeman for Missouri, and it looked like he would be the U. S. Senator from that State with a reversal of its politics, but now that a reversal has taken place Mr. Kerens' chances do not seem so bright. The favorite is the chairman of the Republican State Committee, who managed the late campaign unaided by either Mr. Kerens or the national committee.

It is hard for the Grafton Sentinel to get its bearings on that mammoth structure to be built in the business center of its hamlet. At first it announced that the "block" was to be two stories high with a large basement; next it said it had made a mistake—that the building was to be three stories high on the upper side and five on the lower, thus having two basement rooms; a third account is to the effect that it is to be "five stories high from the back and four from the Main street line." Now, the Sentinel will soon have many "stories" about that little house as some of its "big blocks" contain. Oh, dear, dear, but a little town has to brag on what few improvements it does have. Goodness knows Grafton was in sore need of some such buildings as Fairmont masons and carpenters are helping to build. When it gets twice as large as it is, it ought to have a street car line and it might have slack water if it was on a larger river. The only way Brother Bolden's town can be big is to get big. Oh, ha! ha! ha! ha!

## An Enemy's Comment.

Says the Parkersburg News:

It is not often that the Charleston Gazette, steeped in the prejudices of Democracy, finds anything of merit in the acts of Republican officials. When that rarely happens it is worthy of particularization. When it approves of the action of a public official who is a Republican, it is deserving of conspicuous notice. For instance, it says of the appointment of Dillon to be tax commissioner: "The Gazette has had few opportunities to congratulate Governor White upon really meritorious appointments and it hastens to take the opportunity for doing so offered in the appointment of the first tax commissioner."

Concerning Mr. Dillon the Gazette says:

"The appointment of C. W. Dillon as State tax commissioner will strike the average citizen as about as good an appointment as could be made. While Mr. Dillon has no especial fitness for the place in the way of practical experience, that the Gazette is aware of, he is a man of character, ability and industry—of a judicial turn of mind, and disposed to be fair in his dealings between men. Of course there will be some who will say that his appointment is a sop thrown to the coal men, as he has been the attorney for a number of coal operations for some years, still there could be no man found against whom some objection could not be urged, and few in opposition to whom so little of real merit could be said. The Gazette takes it that the appointment goes to Mr. Dillon not because it will please the operators, but rather because, in spite of his affiliation with them in business, he stood against the large majority of them and staunchly supported Dawson for the nomination. Be that as it may, Mr. Dillon will carry into office the confidence of the people who know him, and he will sorely disappoint them if he fails to enforce the new assessment laws with justice, and in the spirit in which they were explained to the people during the late campaign. He has sworn to see that all property in the State is assessed for taxation at its true and actual value, and he will come as near doing it as lies within the power of man."

## HOW NOT TO CATCH COLD.

People are more likely to catch cold in the back than they are generally aware of, and if neglected it may prove a serious matter. The back, especially between the shoulders, should always be kept well covered and never lean with your back against anything that is cold. Never sit with the back in a direct draft, and when warning it by the fire do not continue to keep the back exposed to the heat after it has become comfortably warm. To do so is debilitating.—Journal of Health.

The total admissions to the World's Fair reached close to the 20,000,000 mark, and unlike other great fairs it more than paid expenses.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt are celebrating the eighteenth anniversary of their marriage to-day.

While there is a solid North there is no longer a solid South.

## HOME WANTED

For a Bright Little Six-Year-Old Girl Now In Care of Humane Society.

The local Humane Society has now in charge a beautiful 6-year-old girl for whom a good home is desired with responsible people. The little one will bring happiness to some one's household if properly treated, and may be seen by calling upon Officer Sample or Miss Flossie Fleming.

Other children ranging in age from 19 months to eight years are at the Shelter at Wheeling, and homes are desired for them. Mrs. Guy Allen, president, of that city, would be glad to send information concerning them to any one.

## NEW RAILROAD BUILDING.

For several years the impression has been quite general that the mainland United States had about all the steam railroads it could use, and that no considerable additions to railway mileage were to be expected.

Of course, it was known that railway building was going on all the time, but most people had the idea that this was chiefly improvement and reconstruction of existing lines rather than new construction.

Therefore, readers not actively in touch with railway affairs will be somewhat surprised to learn that the new railway mileage of 1904 will not be less than 4,600 miles or about the distance from New York to San Francisco and back to Omaha.

New England added only 12 miles, but use was found in the Middle States for 348 miles, and for 486 miles in the Central Northern States. In the Pacific coast States 562 miles were built, in the Gulf States East of Texas 602 miles, and in the Northwestern States 683 miles.

But the largest addition, over 1,800 miles, was made in the Southwest, now the most rapidly developing part of the Nation, and largely in Texas, which now holds the title, "First in Railway Mileage," held by Illinois from 1869 until this year.

An era of active railway building in our old and new Pacific possessions would now surprise no one. In fact it has already begun in Alaska, and preparations for it are making in the Philippines.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

## TWO NEEDED REFORMS.

An agitation is started to eliminate further the fee system in West Virginia. The emoluments of several officials afford excellent opportunity for the extension of such reforms.

One of these is the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court. This gentleman reaps an income of \$10,000 to \$20,000. His fees come from various sources, including the printing of records. There is no reason why the clerk's income should not be reduced to \$3,000 and the residue of the fees paid into the State Treasury. The same reform could be applied to the clerks of the county and circuit courts and sheriffs. The clerks could be put on salary and all the fees paid into the State without hindering the efficiency of the offices. The percentages of sheriffs could be scaled down. Three thousand dollars a year is revenue enough for any of these officers. If it is constitutional, the law making the auditor the statutory attorney for foreign corporations should also be passed.

All these measures would net the State Treasury at least \$50,000 a year, and it would not impose a penny of tax upon any person or interest. They will probably be submitted to the Legislature, and should pass.—Wheeling News.

## HENS AND THE EGG CROP.

By careful breeding and selection through a series of years the Maine Agricultural college has produced a strain of hens that lay over 200 eggs a year. The record hen laid 251 eggs within the past twelve months. The average American hen lays about 80 eggs per annum, so the Maine hens lay more than double the average per capita production. There was no corresponding increase in food cost.

The egg crop of the United States is worth more dollars than the wheat crop. In New York City the average daily consumption of eggs is over 2,000,000, which at two cents apiece amounts to \$40,000 a day. The people of New York pay more for eggs than for either the police or the public schools.

The important change in the habits of hens brought about by the Maine breeding experiment is to induce them to lay in the fall and winter. Three-quarters of the eggs consumed in New York during November and December are storage eggs laid the preceding spring. Comparatively few New York families know what a fresh laid egg is. Even in the spring most of the eggs sold come from the West, and were laid several weeks before they are eaten.—New York World.

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## SAYS EYE ABUSE

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Chicago Doctor Presents an Unusual Aspect of Cases of Sudden Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Dr. Chalmers Prentice told the members of the Illinois Optical Society, at the annual meeting which was held recently, that many men died of apoplexy and heart failure because they abused their eyes.

"Men come from the farm to the city and break down because of the strain upon their eyes," said the optician.

"In the country their eyes are accustomed to long distances. They go on until middle age without confining themselves to an office. Then suddenly they come to the city. After that their eyes must be used in work that is confining. The result is that they break down prematurely. People wonder what caused it. They are right when they attribute it to the sudden change in the mode of life. But it is the unusual test upon the eyes that causes the snap."

"Men who break down and die of heart disease and apoplexy are often the victims of their own short-sightedness. They have not treated the eyes properly. The test is too severe. The eyes respond by undermining the integrity of the brain. A breakdown accompanied by a fatal stroke of apoplexy is the penalty."

Dr. Prentice advocated an innovation in the practice of the optician.

"Do not be content with the story told by the man who comes to you for relief," he said. "Of course, it is necessary that you question him closely about his hours of work, the time and length of his working day. But that will not suffice. It would be well for you to go that man's place of business and study his desk, the light that strikes it and then you will be in a position to prescribe for him intelligently."

## SOCIETY

## IN FULL UNIFORM

Was Captain William Winder When Married to Miss Taylor.

(By Publishers' Press.)

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 2.—Miss Ethel Taylor, daughter of Margaret Taylor, of the Erie, and Captain William Winder, U. S. N., formerly commanding the gunboat Michigan, stationed at this port, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. Taylor last evening. The groom wore full captain uniform of the United States navy, and was attended by George Dewey, son of Admiral Dewey. Rev. H. C. Ross, of the Episcopal Church, performed the wedding ceremony.

Dr. Foster, U. S. N., and Lieutenant Fisher, U. S. N., were present at the wedding.

## KING EDWARD

Congratulates President Roosevelt and He in Turn Writes to the King.

(By Publishers' Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 2.—The Post hears that American Ambassador Choate has handed to King Edward a most cordial letter of thanks from President Roosevelt for the King's congratulations on the President's election. According to the Post Mr. Roosevelt stated in the letter that he hopes that his new term of office, so auspiciously begun by the commencement of negotiations for an Anglo-American treaty will witness the bringing together of the two countries in even a closer union of friendship.

## IMPRISONED MINERS

Were Released This Morning After Perilous Experience.

(By Publishers' Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 2.—After having been imprisoned for hours in a burning mine, fourteen men were rescued early this morning from the shaft of the Woodside Coal Company. The top works of the mine were destroyed, and the flames spread to the workings.

BEEF AND PORK OF  
ANCIENT LINEAGE.

Paymaster's Remark Brings Forth Some Amusing Answers From John Bull's Sailors.

Men Are Careful, However, As to the Nature of That They Give to Fishes.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—One of the paymasters in the royal navy made a remark in print the other day which has been conducive to some amusing information relating to sailors' appetites and how they satisfy them. This officer made the statement that men-of-war's-men were so bountifully fed at sea that they became surfeited with good living and heedlessly threw large quantities of food overboard.

Here are some of the answers to his remark:

Jack Bowles, A. B., wrote from Portsmouth: "Dear Sir—You gentlemen who berth aft don't always know why 'Poor Jack' throws his grub overboard. The rule in my last ship was: Select the pieces of beef too tough to eat but hard enough to take a good polish when manufactured into snuff boxes, and throw the rest over the side to propitiate Neptune and bring a fair wind."

Charles Prowse, A. B., of Bristol, said: "Our ship served pea soup throughout the voyage twenty-one times a week. It was pea soup at dinner time, 'dog's body' (the same mixed with masticated crackers and molasses) for supper, and 'dandy-bunk' (the same with lime juice and chewed crackers) for breakfast. When the cook was in a hurry he put soup in the water to soften the peas."

Bill Fay, A. B., of Liverpool, declared that no sailor in his ship figured their beef and pork to be younger than the memory of Admiral Nelson, K. C. B. He thought it a mistake to suppose that the food which made good fighters at Trafalgar could preserve its virtue forever.

## DIVORCE EASY IN SWEDEN.

All One Must Do Is to Go to the Capital and Tell the Consul He Is Deserted.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 2.—King Oscar and the Swedish government are considerably worried at the rapid decrease in the number of marriages in Sweden.

For years the young men, both in the cities and in the country, have shown disinclination to marry, and as a result the number of the children born during the last ten years is only very slightly in excess of the deaths, and with the steady drain of young people who emigrate to America the population remains almost stationary. Here, too, divorces are more numerous than ever because of a peculiar Swedish law.

When a couple come to the conclusion that they are not fit mates all they have to do is for one of them to go to Copenhagen, remain there two weeks, and notify the Swedish consul that he or she wants a divorce because of desertion.

A prominent citizen of this city, who was a delegate to the recent Peace Conference at St. Louis, notified the Swedish consul there that he had left his wife, who immediately obtained a decree, and her former husband returned home with an American wife.

Fred May and his new coon song, "Back, Back, Back to Baltimore," was all to the good at the Grand last night, this young man's clever conception of the song pleasing the audience to such an extent that he had to respond to several encores.

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